

After This the Judgment

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Hebrews 9:27, "And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment."

The Bible teaches in Hebrews 9:27 that after death comes *THE JUDGMENT*. This goes contrary to what most people think. I hear so many people, especially Catholics, say that everyone is a child of God. That is not what the Word of God teaches. Only a born-again believer is a child of God according to **Galatians 3:26**, "For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus." If a person does not faith faith in the Son of God, then they are NOT a child of God.

Many people have misconceptions about what happens after they die. The Bible answers the question for us... *THE JUDGMENT*.

For the saved, it will be *The Judgment Seat of Christ* (2nd Corinthians 5:10-11).

For the unsaved, it will be *The Great White Throne of Judgment* (Revelation 20:11-15).

This is what God said. Every human being has an APPOINTMENT with death. God knows the exact day, hour, time, minute, and second that you will breath your last breath. God knows when our heart will beat for the last time. God knows exactly when our time is through. Nothing ever comes as a surprise to God. And God said that when our appointment with death comes, the next thing on His agenda will be *THE JUDGMENT*.

Every unsaved person who dies in their sins will go straight to hellfire. Every bornagain Christian will be escorted by angels to Heaven's pearly gates. This is the teaching found in Luke 16:19-31 concerning the rich man and Lazarus. I don't understand exactly what will happen once we die, for the Bible does not give us specific detail; but I do know that the Bible says we will stand trial at *THE JUDGMENT*. I do know that the rich man woke up in Hell fire and torment. I do know that Lazarus was escorted by angels to Heaven. I do know that it is a terrifying thing to stand trial before God (2nd Corinthians 5:11. Hebrews 10:31, "It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God." Yet, so many people live wicked lives of rebellion against God, making no effort whatsoever to please God, rejecting God's Son as the Christ.

Many people will accuse God of being unfair on Judgment Day, as did the religious people in Matthew 7:21-23. But they had failed to obey the Gospel, and religious

devotion couldn't save them on Judgment Day. Job 4:17, "Shall mortal man be more just than God? shall a man be more pure than his maker?"

It is tragic that so many people live their lives as if there is no God. I certainly don't condemn anyone, for the Bible condemns all humanity as being guilty, rotten, hell-deserving, sinners (Romans 3:10-23). Proverb 27:1, "Boast not thyself of to morrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth."

We hear much talk about Heaven's pearly gates, Saint Peter meeting us at the gate, and streets of gold; but very few people mention *THE JUDGMENT*. Hebrews 9:27 says, "after this the judgment."

Are you ready to meet your Maker? Amos 4:12, "Therefore thus will I do unto thee, O Israel: and because I will do this unto thee, prepare to meet thy God, O Israel." The God of Israel is the true and living God. Sadly, most Jews today reject Jesus Christ as their Messiah, and in so doing reject the very God of Israel. Go figure! 1st John 2:23, "Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father: (but) he that acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also." Muslims and Judaizers reject the Son, and so they have also rejected God the Father.

It is important that all of us keep in mind what is coming after we die... **THE JUDGMENT!**

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